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Cuts vary from 17 to 21 percent Services on the block as province cuts grants

by Andrew Milne

Haliburton County residents can expect reduced services, but not, in all likelihood, any significant tax increases, as a result of provincial cuts to transfers to municipalities, say four reeves who spoke to *The Times* last week.

Local governments across the county, like their counterparts throughout the province, were told last week how much less they can expect from the province in 1996. The Ontario government, in an effort to reduce its own operating deficit, has reduced transfer grants to municipalities.

The county level government also took cuts, and these are expected to lead to staff reductions.

The depth of the cuts varied widely across the county and across the province, apparently due to the rather complex formula used by the provincial ministries involved. (see story below)

Four municipal reeves questioned — Jeanne Anthon of Anson, Hindon and Minden, Murray Fearrey of Dysart et al, Jim McMahon of Lutterworth, and Jock Mavor of Stanhope — said they would be reluctant to introduce user fees and had no intention of increasing taxes, and that they expect their councils will be reducing services instead.

They also commented that, though they hadn't spoken to their councils yet, and though it would be difficult, they believed their governments could find a way to handle the cuts.

A number also commented that, as anticipated, the cuts are likely to force local governments toward amalgamation.

The amounts of the reduction vary between 17 percent and 21 percent from the 1995 grant amounts — considerably lower than the more drastic reductions seen in some urban areas.

There are a number of changes, as well, in how the money will be distributed.

Municipalities formerly received two separate grants from the province — one dedicated to rural road maintenance, and another 'unconditional' grant which the local government could distribute as it wished. They now receive the money in a single grant, and are free to distribute the entire amount as they wish.

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Sled dog poster winner

The finely detailed picture of three dogs leading their team in a race through the countryside was selected as the top poster of all those submitted by students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. The entry was created by 13 year old Curtis Robinson the son of Sue and Bob Robinson of Minden. Curtis got the inspiration for his pencil sketch from a calendar photograph showing racing dogs. In addition to a nominal cash prize, Curtis will have an opportunity to become involved in the race during race weekend. Curtis is in Mrs. Berube's grade seven class. The award winning posters from each grade will be on display in the window of the vacant store between the IDA Drug Store and the Floyd Hall Insurance office. All student posters will be on display at retail outlets throughout Minden. A list of other poster winners appears on page two of this newspaper.

Convoluting formula turns cuts into increases for some municipalities

by Andrew Milne

Provincial cuts to transfers to local governments across the province have wound up being rather uneven.

Some of them are so uneven, they're not cuts. They're increases.

In Haliburton County alone, not all jurisdictions saw their grant reduced by the same percentage. A brief sampling shows that the Municipalities of Dysart et al, Stanhope, and Lutterworth all saw their grants reduced by 17 percent of the 1995 amount. Anson, Hindon, and Minden by contrast saw a 21 percent reduction.

Anson, Hindon and Minden reeve Jeanne Anthon said January 5 that she would very much like to know why this is.

In other jurisdictions, the numbers are even less consistent. Peterborough county saw a 5 percent reduction. Jurisdictions in Dufferin and Wellington counties actually report in-

creases from their 1995 grant amounts.

Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MMA) sources confirm that the calculation used in determining the reduction is complex, and does result in somewhat uneven reductions. However, the calculation they describe does not seem to explain how it is that some jurisdictions actually saw increases in their grant amounts.

The calculation goes like this: first, the unconditional and roads grants were added together. This sum was reduced by 28.5 percent.

If the resulting reduction exceeded 9.5 percent of the jurisdiction's 'own purpose' taxes, it was capped at 9.5 percent of the taxes. This is to cushion jurisdictions particularly dependent on provincial transfers.

Following this, a social contract deferral amount was re-

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Sled Dog Derby Poster winners

The following are the names of the students whose sled dog derby posters were selected as the BEST by the judges. The winning posters are on display in the window of the former Highlands Jewellery on Main Street, between the Minden IDA Drug Store and Floyd Hall Insurance office. The other posters will be on display at retail outlets throughout Minden. Students or parents may claim their posters after the races from the store where they are on display. The names are listed in the order of their placing:

• **Kindergarten:** Victoria Hillier, Elizabeth Lopez, Robert Lowes.

• **Grade One:** Edward Cyr, Melanie Hawkins, Jeffery Brand.

• **Grade Two:** Jennifer Goodwin, Jacob Ruddy, Riley Gerber.

• **Grade Three:** Kathryn Berube, Lesley Cox, Steven Trepanier. Honourable mentions: Kourtney Matysek and Jeff Carrell.

• **Grade Four:** Sean Keaney, Ben Lade and Kolt Smith.

• **Grade Five:** Robert Stevens, Brady Clark, Kelly Welch. Honourable mention to James Bleakley.

• **Grade Six:** RaChel Moffat, Casey Smith and Andrea Robinson.

• **Grade Seven:** Curtis Robinson (also the over-all winner) Jeremy Johnson and Elizabeth Brown.

• **Grade Eight:** Janine Harrison, Ryan White and Rob Milburn. Honourable mention to Trevor Cole.



Sled Dog Derby attracting North America's best racers

Once again, the Minden Techni-Cal Challenge is attracting the top mushers from across North America.

Fans of winter sports will be converging on this community January 20 and 21 to see the top athletes, human and canine, compete in the 12th running of the world's largest limited-class sled-dog race, sponsored by Martin Pet Foods.

Among those competing for the \$25,100 purse and maximum points towards the 1996 racing season's medals are:

• **Ralph Whitten of California, 1995 Eight-dog Gold Medallist**

• **Lionel Petit of Quebec 1995 Eight-Dog Bronze Medallist**

• **Stuart Osthoff of Minnesota 1995 Six-Dog Silver Medallist**

• **Charlie Odegaard of Arizona 1995 Four-Dog Gold Medallist**

• **Bruce McNeill of Ontario 1995 Four-Dog Silver Medallist**

• **Lou Serre of Ontario 1995 Four-Dog Bronze Medallist.**

As many as 80 teams from coast to coast are expected to take part.

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Racing begins each day at 10:00 a.m. at the start/finish line on Main Street.

The kid-and-mutt race, a perennial favourite of this family-oriented weekend, starts about 3:00 p.m. on the Saturday afternoon. Prizes are handed out on Sunday afternoon after the final times have been tallied.

And there's more! Spectators can visit the dog lot to look over the animals and talk with the mushers, and everyone can meet "Drifter", the race mascot, who is a particular favourite with the youngsters. "Catch The Drift", a song written and recorded by local musicians, will be once again the theme song for the entire weekend.

Community support is vital

The race has been fortunate to enjoy the enthusiastic support of the com-

munity during its twelve year history. Again this year organizers will be relying on volunteers to brave the cold to help with a variety of duties along the trail.

"We certainly couldn't pull this off without the many people in the community who come forward to volunteer their time," race Governor Val Lougheed commented. "This year, based on press inquiries and the number of phone calls being received at the Chamber of Commerce, we are expecting a larger than usual crowd of spectators. Our volunteers will be even more important than ever."

Lougheed explained that Barrie television station CKVR has announced plans to produce a series of reports the week leading up to the race and will be filming a half hour feature on the event to be telecast the week following. Other television and radio stations have also been in contact with the organizers about show-casing the Minden Techni-Cal Challenge.

"Interest has certainly grown over the years, Lougheed said, "and

looks like once again the derby will help put Minden on the map."

Members of the community who would like to help on race days are invited to attend a volunteers meeting schedule for this Thursday (January 11) at the Anson, Hindon and Minden municipal office. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Those who are unable to attend and who would like to volunteer can register by calling 286-4642.

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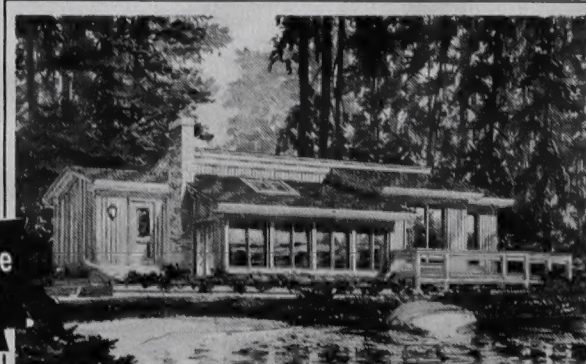
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'User fees....that's another form of tax'

Municipalities will try to absorb the cuts without increasing taxes

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The payment schedule also changes. The transfers were formerly paid in quarterly amounts, beginning in April. They will now be distributed in seven payments, beginning in June.

Few areas to cut

McMahon says Lutterworth offers so very few services to begin with that they are limited in where they can cut.

Says McMahon, "Basically all we can offer the ratepayers in Lutterworth is dump sites — and we have our roads. And we're not really in favour of cutting back road maintenance... I'd prefer to maintain them and to keep things safe rather than to wind up with lawsuits on our hands."

McMahon says Lutterworth will in all likelihood consider cutting the hours at dump sites this year. However, he says, if the cuts continue at the same pace next year, he expects staff cuts will become unavoidable.

Anthon expects the township will have to work at establishing what the priorities should be.

Said Anthon, "This probably pushes our community even closer to something like a vision or strategic plan for the area. We're going to have to ask the citizens what they want for their tax dollars."

Anthon, like other reeves, said also that whatever was done would also have to anticipate further cuts in the following fiscal year.

"Probably part of our consideration will be the same shortfall for 1997, and that perhaps we should be bearing that in mind when we're doing this year's budget... That probably we should be trying to phase in any extraordinary cost considerations, so that the taxpayers, if they're going to have to respond in some way, won't get a serious bump — we're going to try to soften the impact in any way we can," the Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve said.

Dysart reeve Murray Fearrey says

AHM, Dysart, Stanhope and Lutterworth

4 municipalities lose \$314,181

The reductions, for the four municipalities, are as follows:

■ Anson, Hindon, and Minden will receive \$348,469, approximately 21 percent, \$92,856, less than the 1995 amount of \$441,325.

■ Dysart et al will receive \$715,959 in 1996, a reduction of approximately 17 percent, \$142,624 from the combined 1995 grants which totalled \$858,583.

■ Stanhope will receive \$188,201, approximately 17 percent, \$40,265 less than the 1995 amount of \$228,466. Stanhope also took a 50 percent reduction in the grant to offset its airport's operating deficit — \$10,000 down from \$20,000.

■ Lutterworth will receive \$133,194, approximately 17 percent reduction, \$28,436 less than the 1995 amount of \$161,630.

council will have to look at all services they provide.

"We have to provide reasonable road maintenance and service," he says. "We have to provide all the services we're providing now — none of them are not important — but there are other ways of delivering them... The question comes up whether we have to have a landfill site open as much as they're open — that's something you have to look at, because that costs money."

Fearrey also said he would be very reluctant to introduce user fees.

Says Fearrey, "We haven't had a

chance to analyze the user fees, but I'm personally not for just passing the increase or provincial decrease on in user fees. That's another form of tax. There may be areas in which we will do it in isolated cases, but it isn't just going to be a tax grab."

Mavor also says introducing user fees or increasing taxes is "certainly not the goal", and that road maintenance, in an era in which Stanhope is more and more a year round community, is still very much a priority. He also says he does have ideas where the savings can be found, but still has to discuss it with

council.

Mavor also expressed concern about the change in payment schedules — the later payments, starting in June, he says, may cause some difficulty for his municipality.

Says Mavor, "It's a kind of a back door way of getting the money, because they're holding it that much longer... There's the interest factor, and it's possible we'd have to borrow short term to keep things functioning. All these things have to be addressed."

Mavor, along with the other reeves questioned, also spoke positively of the provincial government's efforts towards deficit reduction, and said that he expects, in the end, the cuts will force some restructuring of local government in the county.

Said Mavor, "Being a grandfather with children and grandchildren, I have great concern about the debt that we're leaving to our children and to our grandchildren, and I'm grateful that it's being addressed. Having said that, I can see the downside to that too. It's going to impact on me personally and on everyone within my community. But I think that with some belt-tightening and doing things in a better way that we can meet the challenge. I feel positive about it... In conjunction with this is — not the province's demand — but the province's strong suggestion that we have some kind of county restructuring. So who knows next year or two years down the line where the township will be in size... And I can see some savings to that too."

County council members, at a 'visioning' meeting held in December, have made plans to investigate possibilities for amalgamating local governments.

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Working in last week's bitter cold, construction crews installed the roof trusses on the second floor of the county building addition last week. A crane was used to hoist the supports into place while workmen, bundled against the biting temperatures, nailed them in place.

Warden expects staff cuts

by Andrew Milne

Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey says there are staff reductions ahead at the county level, due to provincial cuts.

Provincial transfer payments to the county will be down approximately \$285,000 from their 1995 levels this year.

The total county expenditures budget is approximately \$3 million.

Says Fearrey, "It's going to mean some staff cuts... Maybe not total layoffs,

in some areas — but certainly some hours reductions."

Fearrey says the cuts will span all operations of county government, and all departments would be expected to share some of the pain.

Fearrey says however that the county can meet the targets.

Said Fearrey, "The bottom line is I think it's attainable... In talking to some of the department heads today, they've got a very positive attitude. It's not a matter of whether we can do it, because we can do it, and we will do it."

How a cut becomes an increase

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moved from the grants. This amount is a leftover from the first year of the social contract. Due to the fact the reduction targets levelled under the contract weren't brought in until after local government budgets had been drawn up, local governments were told that 25 percent of that year's reduction would be deferred until 1996. However, all governments were required to participate in the program.

Following this, the Ministry of Transport of Ontario (MTO) removed

an amount pro-rated to the 1995 road grant. This action was taken to accumulate a \$100 million fund. The MTO department dealing with municipal transfers is expected to be dissolved, since the single block transfer is now administered by the MMA, but naturally still has to deal with as-yet unfinished projects to which it has already committed, and the \$100 million fund is for this purpose.

Unfortunately, it would appear that none of the municipalities in this area were fortunate enough to be on the "winning" side of this formula.

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3. The selection of delegates to the Eastern Ontario Policy Conference to be held in Kingston, Ontario on February 10th and 11th.
4. A final meeting for input and consideration for the development of policy for a "Conservative Agenda for Canada" prior to the Regional Provincial and National Policy conference.

Note: Local policy meetings have been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the following locations:-

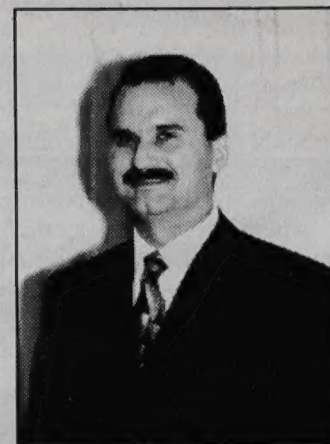
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'We're back where we were four years ago'

Norland resident burned out — again

by Andrew Milne

John Gauci's house burned to the ground late January 5.

Again.

Gauci was burned out three years ago — on the same site, a lot on the West side of the 35, just north of Norland. He'd been operating a restaurant at the time, and the fire started in the kitchen.

He rebuilt the house on the same foundation, and set up a snack bar — Joy's Country Take Out.

Friday's fire started, he says, in the garage.

"I started it," he says, shaking his head.

Gauci says he was having trouble with a leaking gas line on his '74 VW GTI. So Friday night, he put it up on the jack in the garage, and crawled underneath to have a look.

Says Gauci, "I had a little electric heater going in the garage... I took a screwdriver to pry at the gas line, and it must have squirted on the heater. I was still lying down on the floor, and I heard it go 'whoof'."

He had more gas in the garage he says. It didn't look good.

He tried to start the car, and drive it away from the flames, but it wouldn't start. So, he says, he called the fire department, turned off the main breaker and the propane tanks, and got his pets — a dog and three doves — out of the house. By the time he was removing the birds, he says, he'd inhaled a lot of smoke, and got stuck in the door with the cage.

"I walked through the fire, and fumes... I inhaled too much smoke," he says.

He was taken to hospital, treated, and released.

Linda Strzeczyk, who lives with him on the premises, was not home at the

time.

The fire department took a little longer than usual getting there, he says, because his instructions were less than entirely clear.

Says Gauci, "When I phoned, it wasn't easy for me — I just said 'fire at Larry's Restaurant in Norland' — I used to have Larry's restaurant here, and that's all that came out of my mouth — the fumes were already going in, that's all I could say."

The department had to trace the call, he says, and which took another ten minutes.

There were three fire departments at the scene — Laxton, Bexley, and the Kinmount Somerville department. Temperatures hovered around 35 below, and the bitter cold made fighting the fire a miserable business. Mist from the hoses froze on exposed skin, and keeping the pumps and hoses from freezing was apparently a challenge.

Laxton captain Don Logan says his department was on the scene from 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Says Logan, "Everything seemed to orchestrate... The pumps almost froze up a few times, but we managed to get them going again. And the lines never froze up. It's just a good thing everyone got together with the pumpers and everything kept rolling... They're a bunch of good men there who waste their time fighting fires like this."

Fighting the fire, says Logan, was particularly difficult for a number of reasons.

Said Logan, "The basement roof was
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TOP: Firefighters from three departments worked to fight the flames, in -35 Celsius weather. **BOTTOM:** Gauci, the day after, in front of the garage where the fire started.



Computer initiative receives provincial backing and praise

by Andrew Milne

An initiative using computers in Grade 3 classrooms pioneered in Haliburton County has received the green light for further funding across the province. The go-ahead will allow the board to expand the program to include other elementary grade levels.

The Haliburton board will receive approximately \$419,000 in funding from the Ministry of Education and Training (MET) and private sector partner IBM, to be used toward implementing the program in Grades 1 and 2.

Haliburton's pilot program uses four workstations per classroom and a central fileserver to deliver IBM Eduquest software throughout the

Grade 3 level. The software is designed to assist in teaching math, science, and language arts.

Haliburton superintendent of education Dale Robinson says the program was unique in that it was applied throughout a grade level.

Robinson said it appears the computers function as excellent motivational tools, and offer an enhanced ability to deliver more individualized instruction to students working ahead of or behind the bulk of the class.

Says Robinson, "It will be some time before we have the data to say really what the benefits are precisely... Having said that, what we're observing is that the programs are highly motivational... For kids who want to work ahead, they have the capacity to do that — and it's really

incredible how much material there is in these programs, and how advanced it is — particularly in science. For kids having difficulty in a subject it can provide remedial work — the students can work at their own speed and it serves as a very attractive motivational device. We're also finding it's really good for students with learning disabilities — for many of them it suits their particular learning styles better than a teacher speaking to the entire class at once."

Haliburton County Board of Education director of education Brad Saunders said he was "very, very proud" of Robinson and of others who took part in implementing and promoting the project.

Saunders also said the Haliburton proposal for the use of the provincial funding — made as part of a seven-board

consortium — was top ranked in the province, and therefore first to be funded, and that the funding Haliburton received was quite generous.

Said Saunders, "This is going to mean, in terms of Haliburton County, that we should be able to implement the same kind of program that we have presently in Grade 3 and expand it to at least one and two. When children enter the primary division, which in my mind is the most critical point in the entire educational system, they will all have access to this educational software."

Saunders said the board will be proceeding with consultations with IBM on setting up the new systems immediately. The board has committed \$137,000 for the project.

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Editorial

Brace yourself

The impact of the provincial government's policy of trimming spending is starting to be felt at the community level. Up to this point, much of the impact of the so-called 'common sense revolution' has been a philosophical debate around its merits. However, with the figures quietly announced during the Christmas break, the municipalities are learning the stark reality behind that philosophy.

So far, the elected leaders we have talked with seem to accept the reductions with an air of inevitability. Most knew they were coming and had steeled their resolve for their arrival. Most, it would appear, have already started making rough calculations and are heading into the new year wielding a sharp pencil.... (or is it a knife?). For the moment, at least, those council heads have indicated the reduction in provincial support can be accommodated without raising taxes or introducing user fees. As one reeve correctly pointed out, user fees for universal services are nothing more than tax increases in a different wrapping.

We are puzzled and concerned about a number of approaches the province has taken however. It is interesting that while most municipalities in the county will experience an approximate 17 per cent drop in provincial support, Anson, Hindon and Minden has somehow attracted a 21 per cent cut. At first glance the discrepancy seems unfair and discriminatory, but we will wait for the logic of it to be explained before crying foul. Also, the delay in the delivery of funding support from April to June was quietly slipped into the process. A minor point, perhaps, but it is bound to generate additional interest costs for municipalities which are already hard-pressed to get their taxpayers to keep the bank balances in the black.

Brace yourself for service cuts, the elimination of some services altogether, and, just perhaps, user fees. All this without any decrease in the municipal tax levy... remembering of course that the county and school board is under the same sort of provincial cut-back regimen and that their local support is a big part of the municipal tax bill. The cutting may look like easy work from the early January perspective. However, when budgets are announced in the spring, all the sugar in the world may not be able to help this medicine go down.



Thank you, Joe

Editor:

I have just learned that the publisher of this newspaper, one Jack Brezina, has been recognized with your community's "Citizen of the Year" award. I can assure the people in Minden who nominated him, that the choice was an outstanding one.

Small town newspaper people come and go, but the publishers — also frequently the owners — are the ones who always stay behind and must often answer for all that is good or bad about the town, because there are times when he/she is seen as part of the problem/solution. Fortunately, this award given Jack Brezina is tangible proof that he has done far more good than bad for the people of Minden.

I have seen the way Jack relates to his readers, his advertisers, his acquaintances. He is truly a man of the people at a time when there are too few such amiable personalities on the planet. We need more like him in these troublesome times.

I have learned from Jack that a local newspa-

per's existence doesn't just rely on good reporting and a neat package, but often what the publisher invests into the community itself. In turn, people not only know what they read is credible, but they can see he is committed to putting his money where his mouth is.

They know his interests are not only rooted in dollars and cents. But love and compassion.

This is the essence of Jack Brezina. May he remain with Minden for many years to come.

Joe Banks,
Publisher,
The Glengarry News
(former reporter with *The Haliburton Echo*)

(Publisher's note: It would only be fair to advise our readers that Mr. Banks appended the following notation to his letter: "Jack: You'd better print this or I'll send it to Len!")

Opinion

The Times welcomes signed letters to the editor on subjects of interest to our readers. Short letters are most likely to be chosen for publication, but the use of any material is at the discretion of the editor. The editor reserves the right to edit letters to meet space requirements, for clarity or to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy.

Upon request, names may be withheld, but only very rarely and for compelling reasons. Letters published do not necessarily reflect the editorial policies or beliefs of this newspaper. All letters must bear the handwritten signature of the writer and include the address and phone number for verification purposes.

Jeanne will be missed

Editor:

Once again I am writing to the editor of the Minden Times regarding my mother, Jeanne Sears.

As most of you already know, after 30 years she is finally giving up writing the column, "Around the County Town".

She took only one break during those years and says she is getting tired...I wonder why?

Mom is still busy with her clubs, cards, "the Legion", and volunteering at Hyland Crest, organizing cards, bingo videos and pot luck dinners at the seniors apartments where she resides.

She just finished organizing Christmas dinner for the shut-ins at the seniors apartments where she lives and has likely done the same for New Year's Eve.

We will certainly miss reading her column in The Times and hope she will continue her poems under the name of Jay.

If you see her on January 28th, wish her a happy birthday. She will be 77 years young.

Her loving daughter,

Carolynn Leaman,
Newmarket.

Visitors from the city were overwhelmed

Editor:

I know accolades are few and far between, but I would like to extend this one to the Townships of Anson, Hindon and Minden, especially to the Fire Department.

My husband and I would like to acknowledge with thanks, their ride through town extending Christmas greetings to one and all from their truck. It is heartening to see the children calling their greetings as well.

Our city relatives were overwhelmed at such an occasion and a sight, (we are sure). It is something they would never see where they reside.

On behalf of those who are shut-in, I also thank you, as I'm sure they are gratified by your kind gesture.

Wishing everyone good health in this new year and always.

Bill and Betty Milford
Minden.

Doctors mount postcard protest

The following is a press release issued January 5 by the Ontario Medical Association

Every physician in Ontario is now providing post cards to people who want to tell the Minister of Health that their private medical records are confidential and not reading material for government officials. The government's controversial Omnibus bill, Bill 26, would expand the powers of the Ministry of Health to seize, examine and disclose anyone's medical records.

"We know that patients are furious at the thought of strangers pouring over their private medical files, so we're giving them a way to send a direct and important message to the Minister of Health," said Dr. Ian Warrack, President of the Ontario Medical Association (OMA).

The OMA, which represents Ontario's 23,000 physicians, has supplied postcards to every doctor in the province. Each postcard has a picture of a filing cabinet on the front and the bold message "MY HEALTH IS BETWEEN ME AND MY DOCTOR". Patients who fill out a postcard will be telling the Minister of Health that they do not consent to having their personal medical records seized and reviewed by government officials.

Doctors began receiving the postcards last week and some have started ordering more.

The postcard protest is part of an over-

all campaign to inform the government and the public about many aspects of Bill 26 which, the OMA believes, pose serious threats to patient care and the medical profession in Ontario.

"We hope that if enough people send postcards to the Minister, the government will reconsider this major intrusion on the confidential relationship between patient and doctor and amend this aspect of Bill 26," said Dr. Warrack. "Doctors acknowledge there are some serious issues to be addressed and we want to work with the government to develop effective solutions, but wide open access to patient files could do us all more harm than good."

Post cards should be available in doctors' offices throughout the province within the next few days

Quotes

...on Bill 26,
Excerpt— re patient records

(4.1) The Minister may enter into agreements to collect, use and disclose personal information concerning insured services provided by physicians, practitioners or health facilities.

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I moved to Paradise. After a half century of slogging through snow drifts, going mano-a-mano with battery cables, block heaters, windshield scrapers and galloping frostbite, I finally, this past summer, threw in the snow shovel, upped stakes and moved to Paradise.

It's a wee island in the Georgia Strait nestled between Vancouver Island and the shivering hulk of upper North America. (That's all I can tell you. The Island Tribal Council makes you sign a waiver when you come ashore promising that you will never, on the pain of expulsion, reveal your exact whereabouts to The Rest of Canada. That way we keep Paradise to ourselves.)

And it is Paradise. It never (well hardly ever) snows here. The daffodils come up in late February. There's a robin panhandling on my windowsill even as I type. There are packs of deer as tame as squirrels lounging in the orchard just across the road. Sea otters are doing back flips off my dock.

My new home is Paradise.

But I'm Canadian, eh? So naturally I keep looking for the fly in the ointment. The worm in the ap-

ple. The small print. The catch in the contract.

I found it. Or rather my dog Rufus did.

Rufus is learning to walk on three legs. That's because the fourth one is employed like a windmill, scratching his sides, his belly, behind his ears, under his chin. I took him to the island Vet, who smiled knowingly. "Ah," he said. "You've discovered the island fleas."

My Paradise isn't just for humans. Fleas love it here too. All those deer wandering around that I mentioned?

Ambulatory flea hotels. And since the thermometer seldom dips below freez-

ing, even the fleas that get momentarily scratched off their hosts don't freeze and die like they do in the rest of the country. They just hunker down and wait for the next fur-bearing flophouse to walk by.

I never really appreciated fleas before I moved to my soi-disant Paradise. I stayed up late last night doing some research (in between applications of flea powder to you-know-who). I have to admit, fleas are hard to love, but easy to admire.

We are talking about a critter that weighs one-millionth of a pound. That is smaller than a freckle. And a flea can pull 160,000 times its own weight and can jump 150 times its own length. If you and I could do that we'd be dead-lifting 24 million pounds and broad-jumping 1,000 feet.

You can kill a flea with your thumbnail but it's a bit like trying to drain Lake Superior with a shot glass. Fleas are alive and well. There are some 2,375 species overall and they live everywhere, including the high Arctic and Antarctica.

It is just as well that fleas ignore our attempts to eradicate them. The last time they took personal offence toward humans was in the 14th century. The history books refer to it as the Bubonic Plague. It wiped out a quarter of Europe's population and it was caused by fleas that hitchhiked on rats.

Is there an up side to fleas? Well, sorta. As I said, they can pull 160,000 times their own weight. This led some enterprising P.T. Barnum types to design eensy-weensy wagons, stage coaches and the like, hitch them to fleas and sell

tickets to people who wanted to see trained fleas behaving like draft horses. They called them Flea Circuses and they were quite popular until a century ago.

Unfortunately, fleas can be trained to pull miniature wagons but they can't be trained to stay away from domestic pets. Dogs carry them. Cats carry them. Even squirrels, canaries and bats carry them.

There is a whole arsenal of sprays and powders and lotions on the market, but as near as I can make out they're about as effective as rubbing toad spit on warts.

Maybe I'm wrong. Maybe you've come up with a fail-safe, sure fire cure for fleas.

I'd love to hear about it. On behalf of my dog Rufus. If you have a cure for fleas, tell me about it. Or tell one of my fellow islanders. We're easy to recognize.

We're the people with flea collars around our necks.

(Readers wishing to contact Arthur Black can do so by writing to him in care of this newspaper at the address listed at the top of the opposite page.)

Black'n White

by Arthur Black

Norland fire

(from page 5)

concrete. There was steel roofing on other spots, and the place was full of kindling and newspaper, and everything else... If I was going to design a house to frustrate people fighting a fire, that's how I'd do it."

The next day, Gauci and Strzeczyk were on the scene, waiting for the insurance agent. The house itself has burned to the ground. The snack bar out front is still standing, though scorched on the side nearest the house.

It was still cold — twenty-five below. Gauci said they have the clothes on their backs and borrowed snowsuits. The hair of his forehead had been scorched by flames, and he looked tired.

Says Gauci, "Things were working out fine, and now we're back to where we were four years ago. Except that it's even worse. The last time I saved a lot of stuff. The last time, here at the back there was no fire. The last time we had standing walls..."

"We don't have much coverage," he says. "It wasn't a fancy place. The only reason we even have insurance is we had to take it out when we took the mortgage... We borrowed \$15,000 to start the snack bar... We went years without insurance. People say how can you have no insurance, but we had to take the chance. If you've got no money, you've got no money."

He's not entirely destitute. He has his job in Lindsay. And people have been helping. They're staying with Strzeczyk's sister for now.

"I'm not going to give up," he continues. "I'll tell you that now. There's no way I'm giving up. But this time we're starting fresh. Even if we have to wait a few years."

And next time, he says, the garage isn't going to be attached to the house.



VCR DONATION: Doug Johnston, secretary of the Minden Kinsmen Club, presents a new VCR to Judith Merritt, president of the Put The Word Into Action Ministries, Minden youth group. The Kinsmen Club donated the VCR to the youth group to play educational and entertainment videos at club meetings.

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Sports

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Phenomenal season continues for bantam A Monarchs

by Jerry Grozelle

The Minden OMHA bantam Monarchs are having a phenomenal season. They have lost just one regular season game.

Five games added five more wins to the Minden OMHA bantam Monarchs' record over the past three weeks.

Back on December 15, the Monarchs got off to a slow start in Cannington. But, after a scoreless first period, they found the groove, scoring five times, while holding the home team off the scoreboard. The third frame saw the Minden squad add six more unanswered markers for an 11-0 victory.

Ryan Anderson paced the assault with four goals and three assists. Chris Nielsen added a hat trick and three assists. Wayne Kernohan notched two goals and singles went to Chris Kerr and Steve Ecclestone. Nick Kulas and Ecclestone contributed three assists each to the win, while Cory Casey and Philip Daniels helped out with one each.

A week later, Woodville gave up a 5-0 loss to the Monarchs.

Kulas scored the only goal of the first period, from Nielsen and Clay Davis.

Jason Horsley notched the first of two second-period goals. Nielsen and Rod Upton assisted. Nielsen scored the second marker of the period, from Daniels.

Horsley scored twice in the third frame to round out his hat trick. Nielsen assisted on both and Kulas helped set up one.

An exhibition game in Sundridge on December 27 saw the Monarchs chalk up an 8-1 victory.

It took the Monarchs just a minute and five seconds to net the first goal. Horsley was the marksman, from Kulas. Less than a minute later, Davis scored, with the assist going to Casey. Before the opening frame ended, Anderson added one to the Minden tally, from Davis.

Twenty-four seconds after the opening faceoff of the second period, Horsley scored his second of the game, from Kulas. Anderson made it 5-0, with the assistance of Kulas and Kerr. Ecclestone netted one with 29 seconds left in the frame, from Anderson and Kerr.

Anderson potted his third of the game just 17 seconds into the third period, un-



EXHIBITION: The Monarchs took a 51 loss in exhibition play against Bracebridge Friday night in Minden. Chris Nielsen was the Minden marksman against the B centre Bracebridge team. Playing against the higher level team proved good experience for the Monarchs.

assisted.

Sundridge managed to get one during the period, but Kulas added insult to injury, scoring the final goal of the game with one second showing on the clock. Kerr and Anderson drew assists.

The Monarchs played another exhibition game on December 30 against Lakefield. That was a closer game, with the Monarchs earning a 3-1 win.

Anderson scored all three of the Minden goals. One was unassisted, one was assisted by Ecclestone and one was set up by Kulas.

Lakefield scored its lone reply early in the third, on a power play.

Another league game, against Woodville in late December saw the Monarchs come out on top by a 7-3 margin on home ice.

Woodville scored first, with 4:01 left in the first period. But, before the frame was over, Ecclestone scored the equalizer. Anderson assisted.

Minden took the lead with 5:32 left in the second, from Anderson and Kerr.

Woodville responded in less than a minute and the score was deadlocked at 2-2.

The persistent Monarchs took the lead again before the end of the period. Anderson was the sharpshooter, from Ecclestone.

Minden's lead didn't last long into

the third as Woodville made it 3-3 early in the period.

Kerr sparked the Monarchs, giving them the lead again within a minute. Anderson and Ecclestone drew assists on what proved to be the game winner. Ecclestone then proceeded to score three in a row for a game total of five. Anderson set one up, Kernohan assisted on one and one was unassisted.

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Minden ice racing season set to start January 13

1996 marks 20th season

by Jerry Grozelle

The familiar winter sound of engines revving will begin for the 20th season at the Minden fairgrounds on Saturday, January 13.

Track preparations for the Ontario Region STP Ice Racing Series are well under way and local organizer Tom Prentice says it will be completed in plenty of time for the start of the seven-week series.

Racers will compete in eight classes, which are determined by engine size, whether or not they run on studded tires and whether the drive wheels are front or rear. Engine sizes range up to a maximum of 3,000 cubic centimetres.

One notable change from previous seasons is the fact that pickup trucks will be allowed to compete. They will be competing in the same classes with cars, which fall within the same regulatory guidelines. No special classes have been added for pickup trucks only, Prentice explained.

With the 3,000 cc maximum, the pickups will be limited to the smaller truck sizes, such as Toyotas, Nissans, Ford Rangers and the GM S-10 and S-15 series trucks.

With the addition of the pickups, Prentice says it may encourage more participation. Last year, the average number of competitors was 90 per weekend. That was down from a high of 117 two years before.

The Minden races are sanctioned by the Canadian Automobile Sports Club. Locally, the Minden Kinsmen Club is a partial sponsor, paying for the construction of the track and providing trophies for the top 10 racers overall each season.

Even with the mild weather last season, the racing was only cancelled one weekend.

Prentice says ice racing has been described as the "poor man's car racing." He says vehicles are inexpensive, in fact a motel owner from the area offered a car free to a racer for the exposure of having his business name painted on the car. Prentice added that anyone who is mechanically inclined could race for the season for as little as \$500.

"The biggest expense is a good helmet," he said.

In spite of the fact that the races are held in Minden, only about half a dozen competitors are from this area.

"It's not a sport for everybody," Prentice said, adding that potential racers may think it is an expensive sport.

Since there are no cash prizes, the competition isn't as fierce as it would be if there were a big purse on the line. Everybody has an equal opportunity to demonstrate his or her driving skills. There are a few female drivers, but no local women have taken up the challenge in the past.

Registrations will be held on opening day.



Ice racers take to the track this weekend in the opening event in another season. This year's weather has been ideal for track preparations. The heavy snowfall has provided lots of material for track banks and the chilly temperatures has ensured a good ice build-up on the track. Spectators are welcome at the events held at the Minden Fair Grounds. There is no charge for admission, however anyone planning to take in the in a day of racing is advised to dress warmly.

Midget A Monarchs start '96 with 5-4 win

A brighter New Year is what the OMHA midget hockey team was looking for after taking a 5-1 loss on December 30. The Monarchs played host to Port Perry and although they remained within striking distance for two periods, the visitors continued to outdistance Minden throughout the third.

Port Perry led 2-1 at the end of the first frame and 3-1 after two.

Tom Bagshaw notched the lone Minden marker five and a half minutes into the first period, tying the game at 1-1. Dave Raback assisted.

The Monarchs started off the new year by gaining revenge for the loss to Port Perry. The Minden team went to Port Perry last Thursday night and came home 5-4 victors.

The win didn't come easily for the Monarchs, even though they started off with three unanswered goals in

the first period.

Port Perry closed the gap to 3-2 by the end of the second frame and tied it up two and a half minutes into the third. Things looked bad for the Monarchs when Port Perry scored the go-ahead goal at the 4:22 mark of the 15-minute period.

A minute and four seconds after the home team scored its fourth goal, the Monarchs got back on even terms and three minutes after that they regained the lead. For the final six and a half minutes, the Monarchs fought off Port Perry's attempts to tie the game, earning the 5-4 win.

Sheamus Donnery, Dave Raback, Marty Dettman, Tom Bagshaw and Chris Eskelin were the Minden marksmen with one each. Jeff Wray chipped in with a pair of assists, with single helpers going to Bagshaw, Adam Carpenter and Raback.



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PLACE: Seminar Room, Haliburton Highlands
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TIME: 7:30 p.m.

This meeting is intended to allow for public input towards the 1996 budget. Notification of intent to address the Committee is appreciated by January 17, 1996. The Committee would prefer that presentations be accompanied by a written summary.

Presentations should be kept to five minutes for individuals and ten minutes for associations.

For information on submissions, please contact the undersigned.

James E. Bradley, Superintendent of Business,
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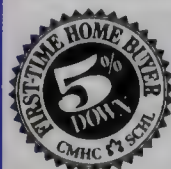
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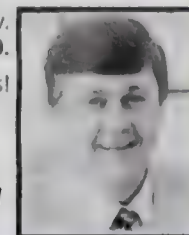
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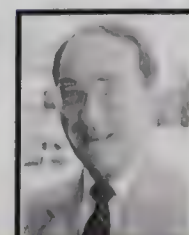
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Fenelon Falls tournament

Novice A Monarchs edged 3-2 in championship game

by Jerry Grozelle

A single goal was the difference between bringing home some championship hardware and coming home empty handed for the novice A Monarchs. The team participated in a tournament in Fenelon Falls on December 28, coming out on the short end of a 3-2 score against Bradford in the final.

The Monarchs faced Bradford in their opener. That game was a premonition of what was to come as Bradford won by a 2-0 margin.

Minden rebounded with a 6-1 victory over St. Paul's

of Peterborough.

Justin Horsley opened the scoring for Minden at the 2:20 mark of the first period, assisted by Kolt Smith.

Peterborough took just seven seconds to retaliate and it was even at 1-1.

Exactly a minute after their first goal, the Monarchs forged ahead again with a goal by Evan Kernohan, unassisted.

The Monarchs scored three times in the last two minutes of the second period, jumping to a 5-1 lead. Smith scored with 1:54 left in the period, from Mark Fisher. With 31 seconds remaining, the same duo

teamed up for the fourth Minden marker. Then, with eight seconds showing on the clock, Fisher scored. Cory Simms assisted on that one.

Horsley added one more to the Minden total two and a half minutes into the third. Smith set that one up.

Ryan Cole was one goal away from a shutout between the Minden pipes in that game.

The win over St. Paul's put Minden into the final against Bradford.

It took overtime to decide the outcome of the A championship against Bradford.

Minden led 2-0 after two periods, but Bradford notched the equalizers in the third, sending the game into overtime.

With 1:13 remaining in the fourth period, Bradford got one across the Minden goal line to grab the 3-2 win.

Kernohan and Fisher were the Minden snipers. Fisher assisted on Kernohan's goal and scored his own unassisted.

Youth faces criminal prosecution for using someone else's ski pass

A Haliburton area youth faces criminal prosecution for using someone else's pass to ski free at Sir Sam's Ski Resort. The youth, who can't be named under provisions of the Young Offenders Act, was arrested and charged with fraud at the ski resort on December 29.

Cases of fraud, such as this, are offenses for which the person is fingerprinted, photographed and if convicted, will have a criminal record.

Sir Sam's officials have advised that this activity will not be tolerated and anyone else who is caught using someone else's pass, or engaging in any other similar activity, will be prosecuted.

Bob Bishop, owner of the resort, says he doesn't want to blow the situation out of proportion.

"It isn't a big problem," Bishop said. "But it is a message that needs to be sent."

Bishop said the response from some of the parents of skiers has been positive.

"In the past, offenders were given a slap on the wrist and told not to do it again," he said. "But that didn't work. It's a form of theft and I don't think they realize how serious it is."

Bishop added that the person who lends his or her pass to someone else is equally liable.

"To have it abused kind of bugs me," Bishop said.

"Sometimes I think we're running a finishing school for the youth of Haliburton County," he said with a chuckle. "Maybe we are."

First round curling playoff results

The first round of playoffs at the Minden Curling Club has been completed. Following are the results:

Tuesday Men's League

Neil Burk defeated Herb Roodenburg
Don Blakey defeated Fred Simmons
Bob Pollard defeated Bill Bonner
Ross Wray defeated Dwight Thomas

Thursday Mixed League

Bob Pollard defeated Jack Woodcroft
Neil Burk defeated Cheryl Murdoch
Bill Bonner defeated Alf Trotter
Harold Cowen defeated Fred Simmons

Friday Mixed League

Paul Prentice defeated Don Blakey
Cheryl Murdoch defeated Mike Whitmarsh
Greg Carpenter defeated Barb Walford-Davis

Herb Roodenburg defeated Lawrence Lougheed

The second schedule will begin on January 15. Curlers are urged to sign up as soon as possible.

Novice A Monarchs down Mariposa 7-1

Justin Horsley and Evan Kernohan paced the Minden novice A Monarchs to a 7-1 victory over Mariposa December 30 in Minden.

Horsley scored a hat trick and Kernohan added two goals and three assists to the winning tally. Mark Fisher and Andrew Bull notched a goal and one assist each. Kolt Smith and Daryl Arbour chipped in with one assist.

Cathy Snell rolls high triple of 649

Tuesday Night Mixed League

High average: Scott Moore 213; Cathy Snell 209

High single: Gord Darby 252; Wendy Burgess 244

High single (handicap): Cliff Woolner 274; Wendy Burgess 316

High triple: Gord Darby 645; Cathy Snell 649

High triple (handicap): Cliff Woolner 729; Wendy Burgess 724

Monday Night Ladies' League

(December 18)

High average: Kelly Moore 173

High single: Sherry Bamford 261

High single (handicap): Sherry Bamford 327

High triple: Kelly Moore 625

High triple (handicap): Kelly Moore 757

Thursday Seniors League

(January 4)

High average: Ray Lymer 193; Eleanor Lymer 167

High single: Lloyd Boskett 217; Mary McCutcheon 192

High single (handicap): Lloyd Boskett 270; Mary McCutcheon 254

High triple: Lloyd Boskett 556; Mary McCutcheon 483

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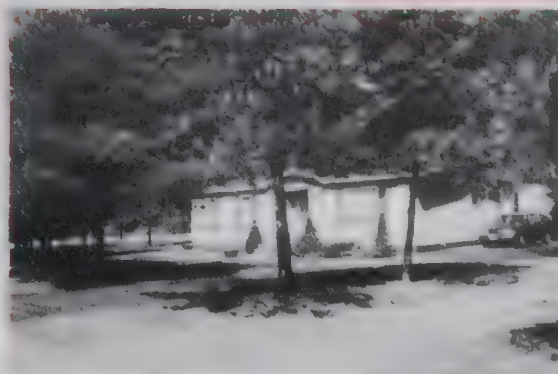
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HHOA, MNR join forces to help deer herd

by Jerry Grozelle

Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association president Ted Vasey met with Ministry of Natural Resources area manager Stan Flemming Friday to work out details of a deer feeding program.

Flemming said that the Winter Severity Index (WSI) was 41 on January 2. The index is cumulative over the winter months, he explained. Several factors influence the numbers, including snow depth, temperature and wind. It is basically a system designed to determine the energy a deer needs to survive.

"It never decreases," Flemming said. "It continues to add up over the course of the winter."

If the WSI reaches between 70 and 90, by early February, a feeding program will begin in co-operation with the Outdoors Association.

In the meantime, measures are being taken to open trails with snowmobiles to give the deer access to feeding areas without having to flounder through the deep snow.

Vasey said that the HHOA has priced corn and oats and has recruited several association members to transport the feed to the sites when the need arises.

A few hunt camp operators have contacted Vasey to offer funds to help buy deer feed. Similar offers have been received by the MNR and Flemming has referred the interested parties to Vasey.

Anyone interested in contributing funds or labour should contact Vasey at his office in Haliburton. The telephone number is 457-1011.



DEER AID: The Winter Severity Index is gradually approaching the critical level for deer survival. The Ministry of Natural Resources and the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association are poised to start a deer feeding program as early as the first part of February if it becomes necessary.



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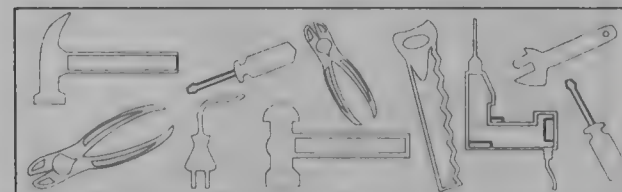
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With thousands of snowmobilers riding backwood trails each winter weekend, conserving this last Ontario frontier is a high priority for organized snowmobiling and snowmobilers alike.

"Our clubs have always developed their trails in consultation with the Ministry of Natural Resources," said OFSC president Bert A. Grant, "but we identified a need to take a more proactive stance in keeping with our role as prime appreciators of the winter

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wilderness."

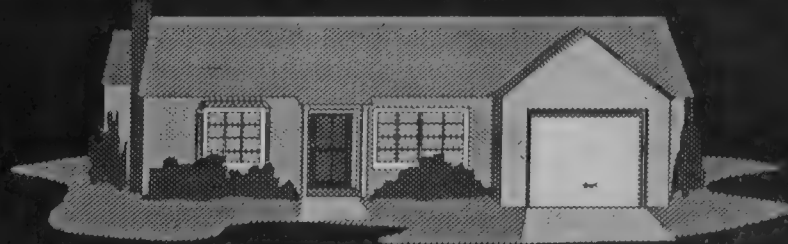
The OFSC has declared January as "Environment Month" with the theme "Leave Tracks, Not Trash".

A new environment brochure has been delivered into the hands of every OFSC member as an insert in *Ontario Snowmobiler Magazine*. It is also being distributed through MNR offices, sled dealers, and SledPLUS partners. Ontario's 300 snowmobile clubs are posting 3,500 new green signs featuring the campaign message. Buttons, banners and public service messages will be used to help raise public awareness across the province.

OFSC environment committee chair Eldon Somerville says snowmobiling has become more environmentally friendly in recent years.

"Sleds are 94 percent quieter and emissions have been cleaned up. Riders come from a more environmentally conscious generation. Best of all, the popularity of trail riding means that hardly anyone snowmobiles off into the woods at random any more, so there's little damage done to flora and fauna by OFSC snowmobilers."

A levy of one dollar per trail permit has been applied to pay for the campaign.

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channel 2 or 7
GLOBAL

Mon., January 8		Tues., January 9	
5:30	First News	5:30	First News
6:00	News At Six	6:00	News At Six
7:00	A Current Affair	6:30	First National
7:30	Entertainment Tonight	7:00	A Current Affair
8:00	Beverly Hills	7:30	Entertainment Tonight
9:00	Murder One		
10:00	Chicago Hope		
11:00	The World Tonight		
11:30	Sportsline		
12:06	Stephanie Miller		

8:00	Wings	4:05	Entertainment	7:30	Entertainment Tonight
8:30	Third Rock From the Sun - Comedy			8:00	Outer Limits
9:00	Fraser			9:00	X-Files
9:30	Grace Under Fire			10:00	20/20
10:00	N.Y.P.D. Blue			11:00	Global News
11:00	Global News			11:30	Sportsline
11:30	Sportsline			12:06	Stephanie Miller
12:06	Stephanie Miller			1:05	Mad TV
1:05	Current Affair			2:05	Flying Doctors
1:35	Bamaby Jones			3:05	Current Affair
2:35	Mr. Belvedere				
3:05	Bamaby Jones				

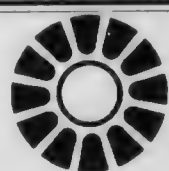
Wed., January 10		Thurs., January 11	
5:30	First News	5:30	First News
6:00	News At Six	6:00	News At Six
6:30	First National	6:30	First National
7:00	A Current Affair	7:00	A Current Affair
7:30	Molson Maple Leaf Hockey: Los Angeles @ Toronto	7:30	Entertainment Tonight
10:30	Get Serious	8:00	Friends
11:00	Global News	8:30	Single Guy
11:30	Sportsline	9:00	Seinfeld
12:06	Stephanie Miller	9:30	Caroline in the City
1:35	Bamaby Jones	10:00	Party of Five
2:35	Mr. Belvedere	11:00	Global News
3:05	Bamaby Jones	11:30	Sportsline

Sat., January 13		Sun., January 14	
6:00	Kitty Cats	5:00	Ernest Angley
6:30	Tell-A-Tale Town	6:00	Kitty Cats
7:00	Carebears	6:30	Circle Square
7:30	Sailor Moon	7:00	Size Small
8:00	Tiny Toons	7:30	Beetle Juice
8:30	Eekstravaganza	8:00	Dog City
9:00	Life With Louie	8:30	C.L.Y.D.E.
9:30	Masked Rider	9:00	Pinky and the Brain
10:00	Saved by the Bell	9:30	Sylvester & Tweety
10:30	Hang Time	10:00	Hour of Power
11:00	Kidstreet	11:00	Town and Country
11:30	Kids Can Rock and Roll	11:30	Benny Hinn
12:00	Kidsbeat	12:00	Key of David
12:30	Sharkey and George		
1:00	Adventures of Tin Tin		
1:30	Adventures of Tin Tin		
2:00	OHL Game of the Week		

12:30	NFL: AFC/NFC
7:00	60 minutes
8:00	Mad About You
8:30	Simpsons
9:00	Married with Children
9:30	Coach
10:00	Murder She Wrote
11:00	World Tonight
11:30	Sports Line
12:00	A Current Affair
1:00	Jo Jo's Psychic
1:30	Jeff Foxworthy Show
2:00	Movie: Broken Cord

Mon., January 15

5:30	First News
6:00	News At Six
7:00	A Current Affair
7:30	Entertainment Tonight
8:00	Beverly Hills
9:00	Murder One
10:00	Chicago Hope
11:00	The World Tonight
11:30	Sportsline
12:06	Stephanie Miller
1:05	Current Affair
1:35	Bamaby Jones
2:35	Mr. Belvedere
3:05	Bamaby Jones



channel 3
CKVR

Mon., January 8		Tues., January 9	
6:00	VR Land News	6:00	VR Land News
7:00	Cheers	7:00	Toronto Raptors: Charlotte @ Toronto
7:30	M*A*S*H*	9:30	Cheers
8:00	Red Green	10:00	Women, Lifestyle & Money
8:30	C-Net Central	10:30	Movie Television
9:00	WWF Monday Night RAW	11:00	VR Land News
10:00	First Time Out	11:35	The Tonight Show
10:30	Duckman	12:35	Late Night with Conan
11:00	VR Land News	1:35	Later w/ Greg Kinnear
11:35	Tonight Show	2:05	Perry Mason
12:35	Late Night with Conan O'Brien	3:05	Hill Street Blues
1:35	Later w/ Greg Kinnear	4:05	Lost in Space
2:05	Perry Mason	5:05	Beverly Hills
3:05	Movie: Andy Hardy's Private Secretary		
5:02	Beverly Hills		

5:35	Live Tower Camera Shot	9:30	The Crew
5:55	Body Tech	10:00	Cheers
		10:30	World of Skiing
		11:00	VR Land News
		11:35	The Tonight Show
		12:35	Late Night with Conan
		1:35	Later with Greg Kinnear
		2:05	All in the Family
		2:35	All in the Family
		3:05	Movie: The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance
		5:29	Tower Cam Live
		5:55	Body Tech

Thurs., January 11		Fri., January 12	
6:00	VR Land News	6:00	VR Land News
7:00	Toronto Raptors: Atlanta @ Toronto	7:00	Cheers
		7:30	M*A*S*H*
		8:00	Movie: The Gun
		10:00	Renegade
		11:00	VR Land News
		11:35	The Tonight Show
		12:35	Late Night with Conan
		1:35	Later w/ Greg Kinnear
		2:05	Movie: The Assassination Bureau
		4:26	Perry Mason
		5:26	Live Tower Camera
		5:55	Body Tech

Sat., January 13		Sun., January 14	
6:25	VR Land News	6:00	Body Tech
7:00	Paid Programming	6:30	VR Land News
7:30	Paid Programming	7:00	Paid Programming
8:00	Town and Country	7:30	World Vision
8:30	The County Workshop	8:30	Sutton Group Original
9:00	Best of Cityline	9:00	People Church
10:00	Gardener's Journal	10:00	Six Million Dollar Man
10:30	Cottage Life	11:00	Three Stooges Festival
11:00	Women in sports	12:00	Three Stooges Festival
11:30	Acura World of Golf	1:00	Real Fishing
12:00	Knight Rider	1:30	Acura World of Golf
1:00	Movie: My Girl	2:00	Paid Programming
3:00	Travel Magazine	3:00	Best of Cityline
3:30	World of Skiing	4:00	Power Boat Television
4:00	Power Boat Show	4:30	Up and Coming
4:30	Real Fishing	5:00	Hercules
5:00	Xena	6:00	VR Land News
6:00	VR Land News	6:30	Fashion Television
6:30	Fashion Television	7:00	Kirk
7:00	Horsepower	7:30	Raptor's Tonight
7:30	Inside Country	8:00	Live Shot: A Death in the Family
8:00	Movie: Police Academy 6: City Under Siege	9:00	Movie: TBA
10:00	Hercules		
11:00	VR Land News		
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Mon., January 15

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10:30	Duckman
11:00	VR Land News
11:35	Tonight Show
12:35	Late Night with Conan O'Brien
1:35	Later w/ Greg Kinnear
2:05	Perry Mason
3:05	Movie: Perils from the Planet Mongo
5:02	Beverly Hills
5:20	Back to the Hills
5:55	Live Camera Shot



channel 8 or 16
CBC

Mon., January 8		Tues., January 9	
6:00	TBA	6:00	CBC Evening News
7:00	More to the Story	7:00	Under Currents
7:30	The Fresh Prince	7:30	Market Place
8:00	The Nanny	8:00	The Fifth Estate
8:30	Can't Hurry Love	9:00	Witness
9:00	This Hour Has 22 Min.	10:00	The National
9:30	Comics		
10:00	The National/CBC News		
11:00	CBC Late Night News		

11:00	Late Night News	9:00	North of 60
11:30	Taxi	10:00	The National
12:00	Rough Cutz	11:00	CBC Late Night News
12:30	CBC Late Night	11:30	Cinema Canada
		1:30	CBC Late Night

Wed., January 10		Fri., January 12	
6:00	CBC Evening News	6:00	CBC Evening News
7:00	Adrienne Clarkson	7:00	On the Road Again
8:00	Mr. Bean	7:30	Royal Canadian Air Farce
8:30	Liberty Street	8:00	Rita and Friends
9:00	TBA	9:00	Side Effects
10:00	The National	10:00	The National
11:00	CBC Late Night News	11:00	CBC Late Night News
11:30	Taxi	11:30	Larry Sanders Show
12:00	Open Wide	12:00	This Hour Has 22 Min.
12:30	CBC Late Night	12:30	CBC Late Night

Sun., January 14		Mon., January 15	
7:30	Northlands	6:00	TBA
8:00	Let it Snow	7:00	More to the Story
8:30	The Cdn. Gardener	7:30	The Fresh Prince
9:00	Hymn Sing	8:00	The Nanny
9:30	Coronation Street	8:30	Can't Hurry Love
11:00	50 Up	9:00	This Hour Has 22 Min.
11:30	Alive!	9:30	Comics
12:00	Meeting Place	10:00	The National/CBC News
1:00	Country Canada	11:00	CBC Late Night News
1:30	Performance	11:30	Taxi
2:00	Sunday Arts	12:00	City Beat
3:30	Skilling	12:30	CBC Late Night
5:00	From the Hip		
5:30	Street Cents		
6:00	Disney		
7:00	Season Debut: The Road to Avonlea		

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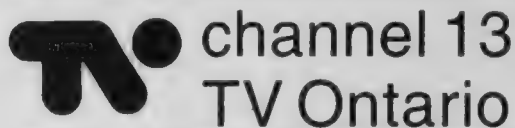
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Mon., January 8		8:00	Studio 2
6:00	McManus	9:00	Wycliffe 2
6:30	Safe at Home	10:00	The Death of Yugoslavia
7:00	Introduction to Geography	11:00	Archaeology
8:00	Polka Dot Shorts	11:30	Journeys
8:10	Polka Dot Door	12:00	Greek Fire
8:40	Zoe and Charlie	Tues., January 9	
8:45	Polka Dot Shorts	6:00	Bon Voyage, But
9:00	Join In!	6:30	Journeys
9:30	Kids Canada	7:00	The Remaking of Canada
9:40	Today's Special	7:30	Psychology
10:10	TBA	8:00	Polka Dot Shorts
10:30	Bookmice	8:10	Polka Dot Door
11:00	Chicken Minute	8:40	Zoe and Charlie
12:00	Adventures of Dudley the Dragon	8:45	Polka Dot Shorts
12:30	Allan Gregg	9:00	Join In!
1:00	Entrepreneurship for Canadians	9:30	Kids Canada
1:30	The Fundraising Game	9:45	Today's Special
2:00	Handknitting with Meg Swanson	10:15	TBA
2:30	Pins and Needles	10:30	Bookmice
3:00	The County Workshop	11:00	Chicken Minute
3:30	Adventures of Dudley the Dragon	11:30	Polka Dot Door
4:00	Art Attack	12:00	The Adventures of Dudley the Dragon
5:00	Polka Dot Door	12:30	McManus
5:30	Bananas in Pajamas	1:00	Live Well, Be Well
5:35	Tots T.V.	1:15	Successful Aging
5:45	Polka Dot Shorts	1:30	Caring for Young Children
5:55	Pingu	2:00	Thirty Nine Weeks and Counting
6:00	Ghostwriter	2:30	Pins and Needles
6:30	Bill Nye	3:00	What the Rich Do
7:00	Vista	3:30	The Adventures of Dudley the Dragon

4:00	Art Attack	6:30	Bill Nye
4:20	Nature Watch Digest	7:00	The Global Family
4:30	The Magic School Bus	7:30	Jancis Robinson's Wine Course
5:00	Polka Dot Door	8:00	Studio 2
5:30	Bananas in Pajamas	9:00	The Fifteen Streets
5:35	Tots TV	10:00	The Death of Yugoslavia
5:45	Polka Dot Shorts	11:00	Inquiring Minds
5:55	Pingu	11:30	Car Racing
6:00	Ghostwriter	12:00	How to Break 90 in 30 Days
6:30	Bill Nye	Thurs., January 11	
7:00	Inquiring Minds	6:00	Inquiring Minds
7:30	TBA	6:30	Photography 101
8:00	Studio 2	7:00	Childhood and Adolescence
9:00	The Vicar of Dibley	8:00	Polka Dot Shorts
9:30	Drop the Dead Donkey	8:10	Polka Dot Door
10:00	The Death of Yugoslavia	8:40	Zoe and Charlie
11:00	Imprint	8:45	Polka Dot Shorts
12:00	Japanese Language and People	9:00	Join In!

Wed., January 10		
6:00	Allan Gregg	8:10 Polka Dot Door
6:30	Delia Smith's winter Collection	8:40 Zoe and Charlie
7:00	Sociology and Crime	8:45 Polka Dot Shorts
7:30	Sociology	9:00 Join In
8:00	Polka Dot Shorts	9:30 Kids Canada
8:10	Polka Dot Door	9:40 Today's Special
8:40	Zoe and Charlie	10:10 TBA
8:45	Polka Dot Shorts	10:30 Bookmice
9:00	Join In!	11:00 Chicken Minute
9:30	Kids Canada	11:30 Polka Dot Door
9:40	Today's Special	12:00 Dudley the Dragon
10:10	TBA	12:30 TBA
10:30	Bookmice	1:00 Entrepreneurship for Canadians
11:00	Chicken Minute	1:30 Fundraising Game
11:30	Polka Dot Door	2:00 The Weight Craze
12:00	Dudley the Dragon	2:30 Pins and Needles
12:30	Inquiring Minds	3:00 Car Care with Mary Bellows
1:00	Parenting	3:30 The Adventures of Dudley the Dragon
1:15	Help Me	4:00 Art Attack
1:30	Managing Diversity	4:20 Nature Watch Digest
2:00	Board Basics for Volunteers	4:30 The Magic School Bus
2:30	Time to Grow	5:00 Polka Dot Door
3:00	The Middle East	5:30 Bananas in Pjamas
3:30	The Adventures of Dudley the Dragon	5:35 Tots TV
4:00	Art Attack	5:45 Polka Dot Shorts
4:30	The Magic School Bus	5:55 Pingu
5:00	Polka Dot Door	6:00 Ghostwriter
5:30	Bananas in Pjamas	6:30 Bill Nye the Science Guy
5:35	Tots TV	7:00 Fragile Nature
5:45	Polka Dot Shorts	8:00 Studio 2
5:55	Pingu	9:00 Watching the Detectives
6:00	Ghostwriter	10:00 The Death of Yugoslavia
		11:00 Allan Gregg
		11:30 TBA

12:00	Jancis Robinson's Wine Course	8:30	Nature Watch
Fri., January 12		8:40	Art Attack
6:00	Imprint	9:00	PUMPED!
7:00	Earth Revealed	9:30	Off the Hook
7:30	Earth Revealed	10:00	Sewing with Nancy
8:00	Polka Dot Shorts	10:30	Hand Knitting
8:10	Polka Dot Door	11:00	Front Gardens
8:40	Zoe and Charlie	11:30	Look and Cook
8:45	Polka Dot Shorts	12:00	Delia Smith's Winter Collection
9:00	Join In!	12:30	Creating a Culture of Change
9:30	Kids Canada	1:00	Sewing with Nancy
9:40	Today's Special	1:30	Birds of the Backyard
10:10	TBA	2:00	The Router
10:30	Bookmice	2:30	Well Being
11:00	Chicken Minute	3:00	Eat your Greens
11:30	Polka Dot Door	3:30	Glorious Colour
12:00	Dudley the Dragon	4:00	Polka Dot Shorts
12:30	Journeys	4:10	Tots TV
1:00	Live Well, Be Well	4:30	Polka Dot Door
1:15	Successful Aging	5:00	Today's Special
1:30	Alcohol, tobacco, and Other Drugs	5:30	Wildside
2:00	R-2000	6:00	PUMPED!
2:15	R-2000	6:30	McManus
2:30	Pins and Needles	7:00	National Geographic
3:00	What the Rich Do	8:00	Saturday Night at the Movies: The Killing
3:30	Today's Special	9:30	Conversations
4:00	Bookmice	10:00	The Killers
4:30	Sing Me A Story	11:40	Conversations
5:00	Polka Dot Door	11:50	Wycliffe 2
5:30	Bananas in Pajamas	Sun., January 14	
5:35	Tots TV	6:00	Polka Dot Door
5:45	Polka Dot Shorts	6:30	Bananas in Pajamas
5:55	Pingu	6:35	Tots TV
6:00	PUMPED!	6:50	Polka Dot Shorts
6:30	Off The Hook	7:00	The Magic School Bus
7:00	Animal Hospital	7:30	Widget
7:30	Journeys 3	8:00	CRO
8:00	Studio 2	8:30	Wildside
9:00	Heartbeat	9:00	PUMPED!
10:00	The Death of Yugoslavia	9:30	Press Gang
11:30	Film International	10:00	Parenting
12:40	The Vicar of Dibley	10:15	Help Me
1:10	Drop the Dead Donkey	10:30	Managing Diversity
6:00	Polka Dot Door	11:00	A Career in Real Estate
6:30	Bananas in Pajamas	11:30	Family Matters
6:35	Tots TV	12:00	Wood Carving with Rick Butz
6:50	Polka Dot Shorts	12:30	McManus
7:00	The Magic School Bus	1:00	Fourth Reading
7:30	Widget	1:30	Allan Gregg
8:00	CRO	2:00	Ruth Rendell Mysteries
		3:00	TBA
		3:30	Pandora's Box

5:00	Sing Me A Story
5:30	The Snow Spider
6:00	Just William
6:30	Bright Eyes
8:00	Hearbeat: The Full Series
9:00	Inside the Line
10:00	Imprint
11:00	Allan Gregg
11:30	The View From Here

Mon., January 15

4:00	Spirit Bay
6:00	McManus
6:30	Jancis Robinson's Wine Course
7:00	Introductory Geography
8:00	Polka Dot Shorts
8:10	Polka Dot Door
8:40	Zoe and Charlie
8:45	Polka Dot Shorts
9:00	Join In!
9:30	Kids Canada
9:40	Today's Special
10:10	TBA
10:30	Bookmice
11:00	Chicken Minute
12:00	Adventures of Dudley the Dragon
12:30	Allan Gregg
1:00	Entrepreneurship for Canadians
1:30	The Fundraising Game
2:00	Handknitting with Meg Swanson
2:30	Pins and Needles
3:00	Living with Your Teenager
3:30	Adventures of Dudley the Dragon
4:00	Art Attack
4:30	The Magic School Bus
5:00	Polka Dot Door
5:30	Bananas in Pajamas
5:35	Tots T.V.
5:45	Polka Dot Shorts
5:55	Pingu
6:00	Ghostwriter
6:30	Bill Nye
7:00	Vista
8:00	Studio 2
9:00	Wycliffe 2
10:00	Chef 2
10:30	Animated Shakespeare
11:00	McManus
11:30	Journeys
12:00	Greek Fire



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2. Mortal Kombat	★★	PG-13	Action	Much	Some	Mild
3. Apollo 13	★★★★	PG	Adventure	None	Some	Mild
4. Clueless	★★★	PG-13	Comedy	None	Some	Mild
5. Species	★★	R	SciFi	Lots	Lots	Much
6. Judge Dredd	★★	R	Action	Lots	Some	None
7. Crimson Tide	★★★	R	Thriller	Much	Lots	None
8. First Knight	★★★	PG-13	Adventure	Much	None	Mild
9. The Santa Clause	★★	PG	Comedy	None	None	None
10. Forget Paris	★★★	PG-13	Rom/Com	None	Some	Mild



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A redefinition of who we are

Newsweek magazine recently stated that technological innovation is creating "a social and political revolution." It declared these changes are "outstripping our capacity to cope, antiquating our laws, transforming our mores, reshuffling our economy, reordering our priorities, redefining our work-places, putting our Constitution to the fire, shifting our concept of reality." Yet changes are seldom challenged, let alone resisted.

Writer Kirkpatrick Sale does. He is inspired by the 18th century "Luddites" who opposed machines threatening their communities. The Luddites lost but Sale believes their spirit persists in the form of environmentalism, aboriginal movements, and activists fighting against nuclear power, clear cutting, animal experiments and toxic waste. Sale says we must learn from the experience of the original Luddites.

"1. Technologies are never neutral and some are hurtful." That's because... "tools come with a prior history built in... a conquering, violent culture... is bound to produce violent conquering tools." For example, after the Second World War, when the American weapons industries went into agriculture: "It was a war on the land... It could be no other way. If a nation like this beats its swords into ploughshares, they will still be violent and deadly tools."

2. Industrialism is always a cataclysmic process, destroying the past, roiling the present, making the future uncertain... (it is the) nature of the industrial ethos to value growth and production, speed and novelty, power and manipulation." Sale believes because industry's priorities are materialistic and economic rather than social or civic, its effects are invariably disruptive of society.

"The familiar evils - incoherent metropolises, spreading slums, crime and prostitution, inflation, corruption, pollution, cancer and heart disease, stress, anomie, alcoholism-almost always follow." Yet governments continue to keep the economy expanding as if the resultant social problems are unrelated.

"3. Only people serving an apprenticeship to nature can be trusted with machines." Without a profound understanding of our embeddedness in the natural world, Sale says, we become blind to the ecological consequences of what we do. Perhaps the dangerous repercussion is the loss of a "...sense of the human as a species and the individual as an animal, needing certain basic physical elements for successful survival, including

land and air, decent food and shelter, intact communities and nurturing families.... An economy without any kind of ecological grounding will be as disregarding of the human members as of the non-human"

"4. The nation-state, synergistically intertwined with industrialism, will always come to its aid and defence, making revolt futile and reform ineffectual." Sale

points out that in 1812-1813, 14,000 soldiers (seven times larger than any other force sent out to protect the peace in England) were called out to put down the Luddite revolt. Since then, the alliance of industry and government has simply expanded across the political spectrum.

"Not one fully industrialized nation in the world has had a successful rebellion against it."

"5. Resistance to the industrial system, based on some grasp of moral principles and rooted in some sense of moral revulsion, is not only possible but necessary." The most important legacy of the Luddites is that they resisted out of a deeply held sense of right and wrong. Even against enormous odds, they felt no choice but to make a stand and resist.

"6. Politically, resistance to industrialism must force the viability of industrial society into public consciousness and debate." This means we must look beyond the media hype of such innovations as the information highway, genetic engineering and space travel and ask questions: "What price it all comes to and who is paying for it? What purpose does this machine serve? What problem...needs this solution? Who are the principal beneficiaries...Who are the winners, the losers? Will this invention concentrate or disperse power, encourage or discourage self-worth? Can society at large afford it? Can the biosphere?"

"7. Philosophically, resistance to industrialism must be embedded in an analysis...that is morally informed, carefully articulated and widely shared." It already exists in such writers as Mumford, Schumacher, Berry, Mander and Glendinning and "in the lessons and models of the Amish and the Iroquois; the wisdom of tribal elders and the legacy of tribal experiences everywhere."

Sale believes we must realize we are embedded in the biosphere, not the centre of the universe. Globalism must be replaced by emphasis on strong local communities. "Principles of conservation, stability, self-sufficiency and co-operation" must replace the "exploitation and degradation of the earth." I agree.

Reflections

by David Suzuki

December weather

by Phil Graham

	C	F
Average high	-4.9	23.1
Average low	-14.6	5.7
Average for the month	-9.7	14.5
Highest temperature Dec. 1	2.5	36.5
Lowest temperature Dec. 13	-30.5	-22.9
Rain	0	0
Snow	74 cm	29 in
Total precipitation	74 mm	2.9 in
Total precipitation Dec. 94	56.6 mm	2.2 in
Days mostly sunny	11	
Days with snow	17	
Snow on the ground Dec. 31	43 cm	16.9 in
Snow on the ground last Dec.	11 cm	4.3 in
Total snow to December 31	164 cm	64.5 in
Days with freezing drizzle	5	

Remember last December? It was very pleasant. We are certainly paying for it this December.

This past month brought us much lower average temperatures and unlimited snow. The first half of the month was snowy--snow every day--with the heaviest snowfall on December 5 and 6. The latter half of the month was cold, but not much snow--only flurries.

There were only two days above 0 degrees Celsius during the month compared with 18 days last December.

The Christmas/New Year's season was very good, only a few snowflurries, which resulted in good driving conditions plus lots of material for good skiing and snowmobiling.

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by Times Staff (call 286-1288)

The Kinmount Seniors held their annual Christmas party on December 6 when a delicious dinner was catered by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Kinmount Legion and entertainment was provided by the Abernathys. Kinmount Fair Queen Krista Chiasson drew the tickets for the quilt won by Morgan McInnis of Woodville, the doilies were won by Muriel Clarke of Lindsay, the quilt rack was won by Joan Taylor of Scarborough and the collectible money went to Marg Gilpin also of Scarborough. Euchre started on Wednesday, January 3 at the Kinmount Legion upstairs, lunch and prizes available. Bid euchre games will take place if enough interest is shown. For information call 488-2728.

Winners at the Gelert Centre euchre games on January 2 included Larry Trerice with most lone hands, Reta Crofts, Dorothy Milburn, Orval Francis and Chris Hill. The next games at Gelert will be January 16 with everyone welcome to come out and join the fun.

Please note that the Kinsmen Ice Racing will begin January 13 at Minden Fairgrounds. All you lovers of winter excitement are guaranteed a good time.

Contract Bridge is up and running at Stanhope Library every Tuesday at 1 p.m. The winners for January 2 were Brian Adamson, June Branning and Earl Hayne. Everyone is welcome to join this group, no partners needed, just come out and enjoy.

Congratulations to Scott Barrett of

Lindsay, the winner of the RCL Branch 441 Kinmount 50-50 draw on December 23. Scott enjoyed a \$136 Christmas bonus.

Winners of the RCL Branch 636 euchre games on December 28 included Verna McDonald and Roy McDonald with most lone hands, Jean Scadden and Marie Dennie with the highs, Ida Young, Bill Kleinschmidt, Roy MacDonald and Pat Scadden. Their January 4 winners included Jean Scadden and Jim Bradbury with most lone hands, May Bradbury and H. Stuart with the highs, Pat Rousselle, Maxine Cross, Lila Mitchell, Marie Dennie, Mary Wilson and Vivian Anderson.

Sincere sympathy to the families and friends of the late Walter Austen of Brady Lake, Frank Fogwell of Norland, Joyce Gostock of Haliburton and Ellen Blair of Minden who all passed away the first week in January.

If you have any news items you wish to see in this column, please call The Times office at 286-1288 during business hours or drop your news item off at the front desk. After hours, you may drop your information in our mail slot in the front door. We do wish to hear from you, so give us a call.

The Minden District Fur Harvesters Workshop and Fun Day is scheduled for next Sunday, January 14, at the Minden Community Centre, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Demonstrations, fur fashion show, door prizes and more.



VISITING FROM DOWN UNDER: Nick and Linda Pawluch were pleased to welcome Peter and Val Moran of Queanbeyan, New South Wales, Australia to Minden for the Christmas season. The Morans served as hosts for the Pawluch family when they spent a year on a teacher exchange in Australia. The visitors, who normally find that Christmas arrives with summer vacation, were delighted with their first look at a white Christmas and the brightly decorated homes. After their visit to Minden, the Morans left for a trip to the west coast and then on to visit relatives in Wales before returning to Australia.

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AT REST

**FOGWELL,
 Frank Douglas C.M.**

Peacefully and suddenly at his residence on Tuesday, January 2 in his 77th year. Beloved husband of Millie Erridge Loving father of Denise (Mrs. Earle Faulkner) of R.R. #1, Coboconk and Ross and his wife Debbie of Norland. Dear Poppa of Jon, Scott, Brett, Eric, Kara, Jasmine, Lydia and Melody. Frank Fogwell was an active member of Pioneer Baptist Church, Norland; Chairman of C.S.S.M. Haliburton; Retired Director of Big Brothers of Canada; Lieut. Canadian Army and Member of the Order of Canada. Friends called at the COBOCONK COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Cameron Street (on Hwy #35) in Coboconk (705)454-3913 on Friday, January 5, 1996 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Then to PIONEER BAPTIST CHURCH, NORLAND, Hwy #35, Norland on Saturday, January 6, 1996 for Funeral and Committal Services at 1 o'clock. Reception to follow. Spring Interment Pinegrove Cemetery, Norland. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Pioneer Baptist Church Memorial Fund or C.S.S.M. Haliburton would be appreciated by the family. "But now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." I Cor. 13:13.

**GOSTOCK,
 Joyce Beverly
 (nee Atkinson)**

Suddenly at Haliburton Hospital on Wednesday, January 3, 1996 in her 62nd year. Beloved wife of Alfred Gostock, dear daughter of Grace E. Atkinson of Bronte. Dear niece of George and Edith Bartley and cousin of Susan and Bill Little. Fondly remembered by her family and friends. Mrs. Gostock rested at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden from 7-9 p.m. Friday. Then to St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton for Funeral Service on Saturday, January 6, at 1:30 p.m. Cremation to follow. Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated.



AT REST

**BLAIR,
 Ellen May
 (nee Hume)**

Peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens' Home, Minden, after the distress of dementia, on January 3, 1996 in her 85th year. Much loved mother to Pauline (nee Wood) and her husband Grant Plooard of Minden, loving Gramma to Glenn and Nicole. She was known as Helen by her husband the late Jerome (Jerry) Blair of Toronto. Sister of Cliff Hume (deceased) and his wife Isabel and Aunt Helen to their sons, her nephews, the Hume family of Toronto. A private family service was held for Ellen at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden on January 8, 1996 which was followed by Cremation. A Memorial Service for everyone to attend will be held in Toronto the first week of May. Interment will be at the Parklawn Cemetery, Toronto, where her parents Ida and Bob Hume rest. Donations in her memory should kindly be directed to the Alzheimers Society, Arthritis Society or the Osteoporosis Society.

AT REST

**AUSTEN,
 Walter George**

Suddenly at his residence at Brady Lake on Monday, January 1, 1996 in his 71st year. Dear son of the late James and Eliza Austen, husband of Maizie of Minden. Dear father of Patricia and her husband Al Kwantes of Kamloops, B.C., Crystal and her husband Marc Le Blanc of Mississauga, Mary-Lou and her husband Carl Packard of Haliburton. Loving grandfather of Robbie, David, Crystal, Jennifer, Jeffrey and great grandfather of Brody. Dear brother of Nelson, Harry, Allen, Jim, Ellen and predeceased by Danny, Jack, Hugh, Bob, Laura, Kate and Jennie. Fondly remembered by Goldie Walker and Bob Ackersblade. Mr. Austen rested at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday. Funeral Service was held in the chapel on Thursday, January 4 at 11 a.m. Spring interment Minden Cemetery. Memorial donations to Minden United Church or St. Paul's Anglican Church or Lung Association would be appreciated.

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8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Thursday
8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday
8 a.m. - 9 p.m.